

REMARKS

Applicant believes the replacement drawings attached to the paper are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, as required by the Notice to File Missing Parts dated June 16, 2004, and that all changes have been adequately described above. Applicant has also filed, herewith this amendment document, a properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63, and a request for an appropriate extension of time, as well as the fees associated with both. Thus, Applicant believes to have made a complete response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, and hereby requests examination of the application, and allowance in good order.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached nine sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-9. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-9, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-9.

In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts, the numbers, letters, and reference characters in Figs. 4-9 have been changed to at least 10 point font, such that they now exceed 1/8 inch (0.32 cm) in height, and thus comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. Any numbers or letters that could not be changed without substantially changing the figures themselves have been removed. Applicant believes that all such removed numbers and letters did not represent any items of substance in Figs. 4-9.

In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts, Fig. 9 has been changed such that the unnecessary grayscale shading of certain elements has been removed; all elements are now on a plain white background. Thus, Fig. 9 now complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(e), and is electronically reproducible, as required by the Notice to File Missing Parts.

Please note that Applicant voluntarily had all other figures containing variants of grayscale shading changed to remove the shading, such that all elements are now on a plain white background.

Please also note that Applicant voluntarily had all handwritten characters and lines/arrows of Figs. 1-9 removed and replaced by appropriate non-handwritten characters and lines/arrows.